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First Named Applicant	ROTHSCHILD,	35 USC 154(b) term ext. =		0 Days.
TITLE OF INVENTION	NATURAL FOOT ORTHOSIS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME			

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEES DUE	DATE DUE
3 07920119	602-027.000	H36	UTILITY	NO	\$1210.00	04/27/00

**THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT.
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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	08/753,929	ROTHSCHILD ET AL.	
	Examiner Jayne M Saydah	Art Unit 3764	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

1. This communication is responsive to 1/19/2000.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5, 9, 10 and 38.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
 1. received.
 2. received in Application No. (Series Code / Serial Number). _____.
 3. received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

5. Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

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6. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
 - (a) because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
 - (b) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
 - (c) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
 - (d) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

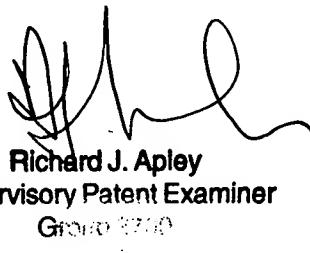
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The invention as claimed is a method for forming an ankle brace, and avoids the prior art. The present invention involves a method of creating an ankle brace by using a positive mold of the lower extremity; overlaying it with two layers of thermoplastics and applying a vacuum. Ruscito et al. [5573501] which is cited in the prior Office action (paper no. 19) discusses the formation of an ankle brace from a thermoplastic material, bonds a layer of thermoplastic with a layer of resin. Wehr [5520628] discloses a similar method of forming an ankle brace, but Wehr does not disclose using two pieces of thermoplastic material that have differing surface areas. Also, Wehr does not disclose forming a positive mold of lower extremity and further modifying the mold such that the mold deviates from the shape of the molded lower extremity.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."



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